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Dear Joshua:

I just got back from a week as Visiting Professor at Dallas, and I find such a load of accumulated work that I simply do not feel justified in taking off a week for your symposium as well as more time for the Federation and the SAB meetings in the next few weeks. You have put together a most interesting program, and if I had more leisure I would like to take advantage of your invitation. Since I am not contributing actively to the program, I am sure that my decision to cancel the trip represents a loss only to me.

Since this symposium represents in a sense your inauguration as a professor in the Medical School, I am particularly sorry not to be able to attend the party, and I send my congratulations to both you and the University.

I don't recall whether I let you know that we managed to get van Heyningen as the Mueller lecturer this year. He will be coming through on his way to the SAB meeting. We would still like very much to plan on having you give next year's lecture, preferably during the ~~second~~ ^{first} semester when the students could fit it into the course. I would appreciate your acceptance of the lectureship this fall, and then we could try well ahead of time to pick a date that would be most suitable for both your convenience and our teaching program.

I am sorry I won't be at Madison, and I hope I will be seeing you at the SAB meeting.

Sincerely,

Bernie

Bernard D. Davis